



Licensing Information for Parents

Office of Child Care Licensing



Large Family Child Care Homes

This parent brochure has been especially prepared for you as a parent or guardian of a child in a Large Family Child Care Home. This brochure will help you understand the requirements your Child Care Provider must follow.

Child Care Licensure is a partnership between the Office of Child Care Licensing, the licensed Child Care Providers and the parents of the children in care. Quality child care requires each of these parties to do their part to ensure the healthy, safe development of young children.

Your child care facility has met **Delacare: Requirements for Large Family Child Care Homes** (LFCCH) and has agreed to stay in compliance with these requirements. The Office of Child Care Licensing knows it is important that you have an understanding of these requirements. Following are the answers to some questions you may have about requirements:

How should my child be cared for?

Your child should be participating in a variety of developmentally appropriate activities each day. Young children learn best through play experiences. Your facility should be offering of variety of activities which support your child's social, emotional, intellectual and physical growth.

Your child should be disciplined in a positive manner which encourages his or her self-discipline. All forms of corporal punishment are absolutely prohibited by the requirements.

While accidents do happen, it is important that your child be closely supervised to help ensure her or his safety while in care. Also, your child should not be watching too much television. The requirements limit television viewing to two hours of children's shows per day. Your child should not be watching adult television such as soap operas or talk shows while she or he is at your provider's home.

How many children may my provider care for?

There are two types of Large Family Child Care Homes, a home which cares for children of a variety of ages (Type 1) and a specialized Infant/Toddler Home (Type 2). The number of staff and children will vary according to the ages of the children in care. Following are the options:

Type 1

Care is provided for no more than twelve children preschool age or younger and two school age children. The caregiver's own children preschool age and younger are included in this total. Of the twelve children in care not more than four children may be younger than two years old and of these four children only two may be younger than one year old. In a Type 1 there are two caregivers. If there are less than six children in care only one caregiver is required.

Type 2

Care is provided for no more than 12 children; no additional school age children may be in care. The caregiver's children preschool age and younger are included in this total. No more than five of the twelve children may be younger than two years old. Three caregivers are required if more than five of the children in care are under the age of two years. Two caregivers are required whenever seven or more children are present.

To determine which type of LFCCH your facility is, ask the staff or look at the license.

May my child go to child care if she or he is sick?

No, generally your child should not be in child care if she or he is sick. Your facility has very specific requirements to follow on the exclusion of sick children from care. They will be shared with you by your provider. These requirements were developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Public Health Association.

Your child may be able to be in child care if his or her illness is minor or if your child is no longer contagious. For some types of illness your child's caregiver may need a note from your doctor before your child may return to care. Your child's caregiver may have to contact you to pick up your child from care if she or he becomes ill during the day. Please be prepared for this possibility to protect your child and the other children in care.

What should I do if I have a concern about my child's care?

Talk to your child's caregiver every day - this is important for both of you. It will keep open the lines of communication. It will help you keep in touch with what your child is doing in child care and it will also make it easier for both of you to talk about concerns that may arise.

Should you have a concern about the care your child is receiving, please talk to your facility's owner in an attempt to resolve your concern. If your specific concern involves non-compliance with **Delacare Requirements for Large Family Child Care Homes** which is not corrected through your discussions, you may make a complaint to the Office of Child Care Licensing. The Licensing staff will investigate your complaint and may be reached at the locations listed below.

The Office of Child Care Licensing also appreciates learning about the good quality child care your child receives. If you would like to write a letter of appreciation concerning your provider please direct it to the appropriate office and it will be included in your provider's licensing record.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Office of Child Care Licensing
Delaware Youth and Family Center
1825 Faulkland Road
Wilmington, DE 19805
(302)892-5800

KENT AND SUSSEX COUNTIES

Office of Child Care Licensing
Barratt Building
821 Silver Lake Boulevard, Suite 103
Dover, DE 19904
(302)739-5487 or 1-800-822-2236

Your provider has a complete copy of **Delacare: Requirements for Large Family Child Care Homes**. You may ask to review it, or you may contact the above offices to obtain your own copy.

RECEIPT OF PARENT INFORMATION

I certify that I have received:

- ☐ Licensing Information Brochure
- ☐ Release of Children Procedure
- ☐ Discipline Policy
- ☐ Policy on health and prevention of communicable diseases, injuries and child abuse/neglect

Signature

Date

Please tear off the receipt section and give it to your provider for your file. Retain the other portion for future reference.